

## Tattooist, piercing and electrolysis licences FAQ's

1. What do I need to do to register?

You need to complete the application form on our website and send it to us following the instructions on the form. Also, ring the number detailed on the form to pay the fee over the phone. An officer will then contact you to arrange an inspection.

2. How can I prepare for the inspection?

Read the skin piercing byelaws on our website and ensure that you have everything in place to comply with them. Speak to the officer who arranges the inspection if you have any questions or concerns.

3. How long will it take to become registered?

After completing the form and paying the fee an officer will ring you to arrange an inspection. The inspection is usually within 2 weeks depending on officer availability. Following the inspection, the certificate will be issued. This usually takes approximately 1 week.

4. If an inspection is undertaken and changes need to be made to comply with the byelaws, will I have to pay twice if the officer has to visit again?

No, we don't make a charge for re-visits.

5. If I am registered for Semi-permanent makeup does the registration cover me for every type of semi-permanent makeup?

Yes, but please ensure you have sufficient training/qualifications for each individual treatment. Also, if you change your processes for a new treatment such as not using pre-packaged sterile equipment, please contact us for advice.

6. If I register and I am inspected on a particular room in a building and I wish to change rooms but stay in the same building, do I have to pay again?

No, but please let us know so an officer can check the new room and provide advice and assistance.

7. If I move address, do I need to let you know?

Yes, you need to fill in a new registration form and pay the fee again as the new premises will need to be inspected and a new registration certificate will be issued.

8. Do I need to register to undertake aesthetics such as fillers and botulinum toxin (Botox)?

No, these are currently unregistrable. However, you can still contact the Health and Safety team for advice.

9. If I am registered to undertake for example tattooing and I decide to also do piercing, do I have to pay again?

Yes, a new form would need to be completed and a new inspection undertaken.

10. If changes need to be made to comply with the byelaws, will it delay me being able to start treatments?

This does not usually delay you being able to start treatments. The officer will advise what is required and give you time to comply. However, in some instances, you may not be able to commence treatments safely, for example, if adequate sterilisation is not in place. The officer will advise you depending on what changes need to be made.

11. Do I need a hand washing sink in the same room?

You must have a sink for your 'sole use' for handwashing prior to and following treatments only. This needs to be in the same room to prevent any cross contamination of hands between washing and starting the treatment. During the inspection the officer will check the layout of the room/building and provide more advice on this.

12. Do I need to have a separate sink for washing equipment?

If you are not using single use equipment you will need a separate deep sink to wash equipment prior to sterilisation.

13. If I wish to carry out treatments at more than one address, do I need to register at both addresses?

Yes, you need to complete a form for both addresses and pay the fee twice. An inspection will then be undertaken at both addresses providing both addresses are in the Barnsley area.

14. If I wish to carry out treatments in another area does my BMBC license cover me for this?

No, you need to register in every area where you wish to undertake treatments. Please check with each Local Authority on the procedure for registering.

15. Is micro needling registerable?

No. Microblading is registerable but needling is not.

16. How do I sterilise?

Equipment will need to be washed in a separate deep sink designated solely for this purpose. It will then need to be placed in an ultrasonic bath prior to an autoclave. Different types of autoclaves are required depending on what is being sterilised. If you want to sterilise in bags and not use immediately then a Vacuum Autoclave type B or S with a drying cycle is required. Please refer to the [Body Piercing Toolkit](#) for further information.

17. How long does my equipment/jewellery remain sterile for, when it has been sterilised in bags?

3 months providing they remain unopened.

18. Am I allowed to travel round to people's homes to do treatments?

No, this is not allowed. You need to be registered at a premises where you will undertake the treatments. On occasion you may get a request for you to travel to someone's home for example if they struggle with mobility. This would be allowed. However, you would still have to ensure that you are complying with all of the byelaws which may be difficult in someone's home.

19. Are lip blush and BB glow registerable?

Yes, they are semi-permanent makeup.

20. Does my registration cover me to carry out treatments at a wedding?

No this is not permitted.

21. Can I carry out registerable treatments from my home.

Yes, you may register and carry out treatments from your home, provided that all relevant bylaws and regulations are complied with. Depending on your circumstances, you may also need to contact your local planning department and business rates office for further advice or approval before starting. In addition, it is advisable to speak with your landlord or mortgage lender to ensure there are no restrictions in your tenancy agreement or mortgage terms. You may also need to inform your house insurance that you are running a business from home.

## 22. Who is required to register?

If you intend to carry out any registerable treatments and are self-employed or renting a chair, you must register yourself.

If you are the owner of a business with employees on the payroll, you may register the business instead. In this case, the registration will be issued in the business name and the business/owner will be responsible for ensuring that all employees are complying with the bylaws. The only exception to this is acupuncture as everyone conducting this needs to register.